



## COLLIN COUNTY

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**TO:** Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Candy Blair, Manager, Health Care Services

**DATE:** August 24, 2015

**RE:** Renewal Contract—Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)  
FY2016 Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surveillance and Epidemiology  
Activities (IDCU/SUR) funds

Attached is the FY2016 renewal contract for DSHS IDCU/SUR funds for the one year grant period 9/1/2015-8/31/2016 in the amount of \$78,475. The purpose of the IDCU/SUR funds is to support efforts by local health departments in addressing public health issues, specifically the surveillance and epidemiology activities associated with foodborne and waterborne illnesses such as Salmonellosis, E. coli, Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, and Cyclosporiasis.

Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS) plans to use the DSHS funds towards the salary and fringe benefits of an existing Epidemiologist. The Epidemiologist is responsible for the investigation, data entry, and electronic reporting to DSHS of foodborne and waterborne illnesses as required in the Texas Administrative Code § 97.3 for Collin County. By increasing our epidemiology and surveillance capacity, CCHCS is striving to reduce the spread of foodborne and waterborne illnesses in our community.